



In re application of:

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For: ALUMINUM-ALLOY BASED SLIDING MATERIAL

**PRELIMINARY SUBMISSION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Date: August 22, 2005

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please consider the following comments in conjunction with the enclosed Declaration.

In an Office Action dated October 22, 2004, claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the patent to Mori et al in view of the patent to Kawagoe et al as evidenced by the admitted Prior Art. In so doing, it basically was asserted that the cited Mori et al patent teaches Al-Si or Al-Si-Sn coating compositions with ranges for disclosed components overlapping those as claimed in independent claims 1 and 2. Further, it was alleged that the Mori et al patent teaches the following with respect to these compositions:

(a) the coating compositions may be formed into coatings by thermally spraying;